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Honoring our seniors as they look towards the future

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Top 10 Class of 2023

1 Bradley Tobin

Daemen University, Physical Therapy

2 Olivia Reeves

St. Bonaventure, Biochemistry

3 Macey Blum

University at Buffalo, Public Health

4 Sydney Smith

University at Buffalo, Civil Engineering

5 Emma Ressman

University at Buffalo, Computer Science & Engineering

6 Jason Gregoire

The Ohio State University, Accounting

7 Mackenzie Parker

Mercyhurst University, Interior Architecture and Design

8 Jack Gallagher

University at Buffalo, Nursing

9 Luke Kirchberger

John Carroll University, Pre-Medicine: Biology

10 Aurora Smith

University at Buffalo, Mathematics Education

10 Ella Herman

Canisius University, Psychology and Pre-Physicians Assistant

Student Government officers

Jillian McDonnell

Student government president

John Carroll University, Biology with minor in Chemistry

Grace Rooth

Senior class/student government secretary

Geneseo, Math Education

Luke Kirchberger

Senior class president

John Carroll University, Pre-Medicine: Biology

Sam Morlock

Senior class vice president

St. Bonaventure, Elementary Education

Flynn Harper

Senior class treasurer

College of the Holy Cross, International Studies

Graduation spotlight:



Four paths to the future

College



Lisa Basil

Post-graduation plans:

I am going to Fredonia college after high school for Early Childhood Education.

Future goals:

To teach any grade K-5, I have no preference for that as of yet. As for a school, I would hope to stay close to the Hamburg area to teach.

Why I chose this path:

I was looking for something affordable, and when I took my first tour I just fell in love with the campus and what it had to offer in terms of both education and recreational activities like athletics and clubs.

Trade School



Andrew Scherer

Post-graduation plans:

I am going to a trade school in Albany called Lineman Institute of the North East to become a lineman

Future goals:

I want to go work for the utilities and go chase storms to make money

Why I chose this path:

College wasn't for me and I wanted to do something hands-on and this fits me best

Work Force



Derek Benningfield

Post-graduation plans:

I will be expanding my marketing agency. In 2020 I founded a digital marketing agency specializing in website development and search engine optimization.

Future goals:

I have a lot of goals, but the biggest of all would be to provide financial stability to my family and close friends.

Why I chose this path:

I chose this path because I saw an opportunity to be different in my industry. Unfortunately, the marketing industry has become riddled with false promises and over-the-top prices. I wanted to create an agency that provides quality service for a fair price and creates a lasting relationship with clients that exceeds the business world as a whole.

Military



Chasen Terry

Post-graduation plans:

Getting in shape until I leave for Navy boot camp.

Future goals:

My goal is to be in the best shape of my life and make the Navy basketball team.

Why I chose this path:

I chose the navy to set a good example to my brothers and sister and to make my family proud. My grandfather was in the Navy but he isn't with us anymore, so I just hope I'm making him proud.

Memory Walk




2023 class of



Scholarship recipients

Agnes H. & Elbert Hargesheimer, Jr. Memorial Scholarship - Katherine Tothero

Hamburg Alumni Foundation and Wall of Fame Scholarships - William Chaffee, Jack Gallagher, Jeffrey Lavelle III and Mia Insera

Amos J. and Leigh Hunt Minkel Student Award - Jason Gregoire and Lauren Dils

Anna Kowalska Bley Music Award - Paige Huson, Sophia Milbrand

Andrea R. McFall Memorial Scholarship - William Chaffee

Andrea McFall & Mary Lynn Ranger Memorial Hockey Award - Kyle Kinderman

Boston Lions Club Scholarship - Gavin Baumgartner, Brianna Thurber and Grayson Thurber

Brian Scholl Memorial Scholarship - Meghan Monile

Bronson M. Collins Scholarship - Mathew Fitzner

Russell Villarini Memorial Scholarship - Brycen Coleman

Steven T. Webb Memorial Scholarship - Samantha Morlock

Terrence C. Mack Scholarship - Alison Williams

Character Education Scholarship - Flynn Harper, Luke Kirchberger, Owen Novack and Summer Sega

Conor J. Long Memorial Scholarship - Parker Endress, Mathew Fitzner, Ella Forrest and Luke Kirchberger

David Brinkerhoff Memorial Scholarship - Colden Grossman and Jacob Heldwein

David A Hoffner Memorial Scholarship - Abbie Herman

Frieda W. Waugh Memorial Student Award - Grace Pavlovich, James Simoncelli

Friends of Mark Colmerauer Scholarship - Kaitlin Martin

Fisher Bus Scholarship - Donovan Grey

Hamburg Academy of Finance Advisory Board Scholarship - Aleah Barrett, Samantha Bonerb, Ella Forrest, Flynn Harper and Meghan Monile

Hamburg Administrative Council Scholarship - Courtney Naum

Hamburg American Legion Post 527 Scholarship - Kaylee Miskell, Ashlyn Poppenberg and Benjamin Whittemore

Hamburg Centennial Art Scholarship - Grace (**Ezra) Lewonka

Hamburg Central PTSA , Interstate Studio Scholarships And NYS PTA Jenkins Memorial Scholarship - Macey Blum, Olivia Reeves, Aleah Barrett, Anna Low and Will Chaffee

Hamburg Central Maintenance Scholarship - Molly O'Brien and Andrew Scherer

Hamburg Country Porcelain Artists Scholarship - Allena Trice

Hamburg Historical Society Scholarship - Macey Blum

Town of Hamburg Lions Club Incentive Awards - Jack Gallagher, Donovan Grey, Jamey Fox, Emma Ressman and Ashley Walawander

Town of Hamburg Lions Club Charles Thompson/Lee Benz Memorial Scholarship - Natalie Evans and Anjuli Saikia

Town of Hamburg Lions Club James L. Haley YES Scholarship - Grace Rooth

Hamburg Garden Club Scholarship - Anna Low

Hamburg Music Festival Scholarship - Brycen Coleman, Lauren Dils, Anna Low, Rilee Nunan, Emma Ressman and Katherine Tothero

Hamburg Oktoberfest Community Leaders Scholarship - Mathew Fitzner, Meghan Kruszka and Joe Gunning

HHS Student Government Scholarship - Luke Kirchberger, Jillian McDonnell and Olivia Reeves

Hamburg Student Government Scholarship in Memory of Colleen Brunner - Grace Rooth

Hamburg Sunrise Rotary Scholarship - Aleah Barrett and Anna Low

HTA Marcella Fugle Memorial Scholarship - Ella Forrest, Anjuli Saikia and Aurora Smith

Hamburg Track Scholarship - Deborah Borysewicz and Mathew Fitzner

James R. Owen Scholar Athlete Cross Country Award - Aurora Smith and Andrew Zielinski

James Yoviene Memorial Scholarship - Ella Forrest

Karen Farrell Memorial Scholarship - Kaitlin Martin

Karen Hayes Memorial Scholarship - Cole Harkiewicz

Lillian Brand Memorial Scholarship - Lisa Basil

Lois Koss Memorial Scholarship - Rilee Nunan

Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship - Bradley Tobin

Matthew Adler Memorial Scholarship - Matthew Braden

Mauguerite M. Mattulke Scholarship - Lauren Neyman



Maurice G. Bley Drama Award - Paige Huson, Grace Koncikowski and Katherine Tothero

Meridia Credit Union Scholarship - Lauren Dils and Luke Kirchberger

Montgomery Family Foundation STEM Award - Ella Herman

New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence - Bradley Tobin, Olivia Reeves, Emma Ressman, Macey Blum, Jason Gregoire, Sydney Smith and Mackenzie Parker

Parent Child Connection Scholarship - Kaitlin Martin

Paul M. Touris Memorial Scholarship - Lauren Neyman

Ravel Scholarship Anna Maloney - Anna Reif

Rotary Club of Hamburg Scholarship - Grace Rooth

Southern Erie County Counselors Association Scholarship - Ella Forrest

The Skingley Memorial Scholarship - Jacob Heldwein

Town of Hamburg Police Benevolent Association Scholarship - Noaln Smith
William Reichert Memorial Scholarship - Nelle Doyle

Zonta Club of Hamburg/Orchard Park Scholarship - Macey Blum and Summer Sega

NYSDOCCS Roz Killinger Memorial Scholarship - Jack Gallagher

Athletic award winners

Director's Key (Outstanding Senior)



Nolan Smith (*basketball and baseball*)
 Clara Strack
 Michael Koester
 Summer Segal
 Kendal Szlachetka
 Ella Ognibene
 Andrew Zielinski
 Aurora Smith
 Ayden Cooper
 Lisa Basil
 Olivia Reeves
 Jeffrey Leavell
 Andrew Scherer
 Olivia Reeves
 Joshua Gregoire
 Mathew Fitzner
 Ella Herman
 Luke Smeader

Hamburg CSD (Sportsmanship)



James Simoncelli
 Evan Meader
 Ella Forrest
 Nathan Johnson
 Jade Divine
 Grace Pavlovich
 (lacrosse and cheerleading)
 Julia Marrano
 Nicholas Koch
 Grace Tanski
 Lisa Basil
 Matigan Fitzgerald
 Anna Reif
 Aiden Matyas
 Flynn Harper
 Sophia Morgan
 Gavin Baumgartner

Bulldog Service Award and Commitment and Service



Colleen Kaney Patrick Cauley

Outstanding Senior Athletes



Ella Forrest and Jillian McDonnell



James Simoncelli, Andrew Zielinski and Bradley Tobin

Booster Club (Most Improved)



Hunter Baskerville
 Nathan Jaskolka
 Jillian McDonnell
 Brayden Williams
 Payton Penrod
 Skylar Keller
 Cary Wellington
 Sullivan Cook
 Greta Schmitt
 Colden Blum
 Grace Rooth
 Rachel Helffenstein
 Jacob Heldwein
 Ash Hunter
 Kora Palcic
 Lukasz Barmosz
 Kennedy Reiford

John Neudeck
 Grace Tanski
 Alexander Fadale
 Aydah Grabowski
 Brett Borowski
 Ella Forrest
 Lisa Basil
 Tegan Smith
 Elise Haak
 Matthew Day
 Jade Divine
 Joseph Dalimonte
 Ella Herman
 Addison Kinderman
 Logan Takas
 Leah Khuu
 Evan Brauscheidel

Varsity H Club (Leadership)



Jacob Reese
 Chasen Terry
 Meghan Kruszka
 Michael Koester
 Kaylee Miskell
 Abigail Sauda
 Kendal Szlachetka
 Bradley Tobin
 Ella Herman
 Jack Watkins
 Stella Pelkey
 Ashley Walawander
 Emmett Reader
 Luke Kirchberger
 Mackensy Nyhart
 Joshua Gregoire
 Sara Cervoni

James Simoncelli
 Abbie Herman
 Derek Benningfield
 Milena Vassallo
 Evan Meader
 Ella Ingraham
 Abigail Berkhoudt
 Parker Endress
 Gabriella Mancuso
 Matthew Braden
 Grace O'Brien
 Andrew Donner
 Aurora Smith
 Brianna Cirino
 Brayden Palinski
 Jillian McDonnell
 Kenneth Schmitz

Outstanding Scholar Athletes



Olivia Reeves and Bradley Tobin

Cross Training Athletics Character Athletes



Abbie Herman and Jeffrey Leavell



Congratulations to our 2022-23 retirees

We are so lucky to work with such incredible people in our district and it's always bittersweet to say goodbye. While we're so excited to celebrate our colleagues' wonderful careers, we will also miss them tremendously. Thanks to this year's retirees for their many years of dedicated service to Hamburg!

Thomas Witka
Hamburg Middle School
Custodian
40 years of service

Nadine Siegel
Hamburg High School
Guidance counselor
23 years of service

Robin Bartoo
Boston Valley School
Special education teacher
33 years of service

Mary Jo Lardo
Charlotte Avenue School
Teacher aide
19 years of service

Gary Kruppa
Hamburg High School
Laborer A
33 years of service

Kimberly VanWagnen
Charlotte Avenue School
Elementary teacher
24 years of service

Barbara Donovan
Union Pleasant Elementary School
Library media specialist
21 years of service

Michael Tylock
Hamburg High School
Assistant principal
21 years of service

Susan Buchwald
Hamburg High School
Cleaner
34 years of service

Carol Zwolski
Union Pleasant Elementary School
Micro repair technician
17 years of service

Anne Kanaley
Hamburg High School
Math teacher
27 years of service

Patrick Cauley
District Director of Health,
Physical Education and
Recreation
30 years of service

Kathleen Battin
Hamburg High School
Guidance counselor
29 years of service

Laura Asher-Knipfing
Saints Peter & Paul School
Special education/speech teacher
20 years of service

Rhonda Wieder
Hamburg Middle School
Music teacher
31 years of service

Leslie Bennett
Armor Elementary School
Principal
14 years of service

Norman Zogaib
Hamburg High School
Music teacher
25 years of service





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Family Support Center open this summer

The Family Support Center of Hamburg will be servicing families for two weeks each month in July and August, but will be available all summer to help families with other needs or supports that may come up during the summer months.

"I love that we have the unique opportunity to work with families all year long, I feel the continuation of support while students are out of school is so valuable to our district families," said coordinator Nicole Dayka.

Families can call the FSC Monday - Thursday from 7:30 am - 4:30 p.m. at (716) 646-3200.